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Upcoming Events

Sat. May 20
Used Book Sales to
Support Local
Library Branches

**Mid Valley
Regional Library**
10am-2pm
At 16244 Nordhoff
St. (at Woodley Ave.)
North Hills

Sponsored by Friends
of the Mid Valley
Library

**Porter Ranch
Library**
10am-5pm
At 11371 Tampa Ave.
(at Rinaldi St.)

May 4, 2006

A Word from Greig Smith:

*As an effort to keep the residents of CD12 up to date on City issues relevant to our community, I will now be summing up **Recent Legislation, Community News & Upcoming Events** in this new weekly newsletter. I hope you find it interesting and informative.*

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Chatsworth Teacher Wins Presidential Award

One of the Northwest Valley's own teachers was given one of the nation's highest honors for educators this week!

Margaret "Peg" Cagle was given the Presidential Award for

Porter Ranch

Paperbacks: 15 cents each / \$2 per bag
 Hardcover: 50 cents / \$4 per bag

Sponsored by Friends of the Porter Ranch Library Mid Valley. Bags donated by Ralph's Supermarket

Granada Hills Library
Branch closed for improvements
April 24 - May 20

You may pick up, place holds on & return library materials at Library Express Station: Petit Park parking lot, Mon. - Fri. 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Saturday, May 20
Community Service Partnership
Tree planting in Chatsworth

8:00—Noon
 Meet at Chatsworth Train Depot
 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd., & Lassen Chatsworth, CA 91311
 (Between Topanga & De Soto)

Volunteer Now!

For more information or to sign up, contact John Bwarie at John.Bwarie@lacity.org or (818) 701-5221

Excellence in Mathematics & Science, a testament to the excellence of the schools in the Northwest Valley.

Ms. Cagle, who has taught math at Lawrence Middle School in Chatsworth for 12 years, will receive a \$10,000 grant and meet the president.

"Ms. Cagle has my heart-felt congratulations!" Councilman Smith said. "This is truly a magnificent and well-deserved honor. Ms. Cagle is a true leader for our children. She has made us all very proud."

Neighborhood Councils
Tour Emergency Operations Center

Twenty community members and members of Northwest Valley area Neighborhood Councils took a tour of the City's Emergency Operations Center April 26.

The Neighborhood Councilmembers took a bus provided by Councilman Smith to the EOC at City Hall in order to learn more about the City's emergency preparedness. They also visited the Automated



Traffic Surveillance and Control System Center (ATSAC).

Neighborhood Councils could play an important role in a large-scale emergency by communicating information or helping residents make family disaster plans.



Councilman Smith will be arranging more educational tours of City facilities in the future, so get involved in your Neighborhood Councils.



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Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire present their all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.

The \$4 tickets will raise money for equipment and materials for police officers that are not supplied by the City.

7:30 am - 10am

At the Devonshire Area Police Station

10250 Etiwanda St.

(1 blk east of Reseda)

For more information, call (818) 756-9011

Bring your kids and get a free Child ID with thumbprint and photo, courtesy of Hollywood-West Valley Masonic Lodge.

RECENT LEGISLATION

Here are a few of Councilman Smith's recent legislative actions that will benefit the quality of life in the Northwest Valley and all of Los Angeles. To see the complete text of motions and related reports, you can [click here](#) and enter the Council File Index number (CFI#) of the motion.

Protecting Neighborhoods From Parking Impact of New School...

On Weds., May 3, Councilman Smith introduced a motion seeking ways to reduce the impact on street parking from a proposed new high school.

The LAUSD is proposing to build Valley Region High School No. 4 on the site of the former Granada Hills Hospital, which will have 1,200 students and 115 staff. The recently released Draft Environmental Impact Report prohibits on-site student parking and states that "students and visitors would utilize on-street parking only."

That breaks specific gaurantees that were made by the LAUSD to the community, which has voiced serious concerns about the impact on their neighborhood that the student parking on the streets will have. (CFI# 06-1017)

Freeing Up Lanes to Improve Traffic...

On Fri., April 28, Councilman Smith seconded a motion by

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Councilmember Wendy Greuel to raise fines for parking citations on streets where there is no parking during rush hour.

Along some of the City's busiest streets, there is no parking during rush hour in order to free up lanes and ease congestion. But a single car parked in the rush hour no-parking zone can back up traffic badly, and the \$65 citation does not appear to be a deterrent.

The motion by Greuel (who also represents the San Fernando Valley) and Smith asks for a report on the feasibility of creating a new, separate parking citation for the peak-hour no parking zones with a higher fine. (CFI# 06-0966)

Supporting the Building of New Libraries...

On Weds., April 26, Councilman Smith seconded a resolution by Councilmember Tom LaBonge supporting a State proposal to build many new libraries.

The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction Bond Act of 2006 (Prop. 81) was authorized by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and will go before voters in June.

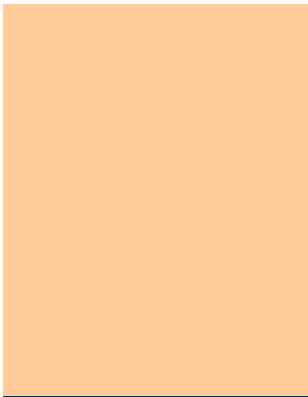
The \$600 million proposal would assist local governments, including Los Angeles, in building new facilities in communities that do not have enough libraries. (CFI# 06-0002-S79)

Freeing Up Law Enforcement Resources...

Also on April 26, Councilman Smith seconded a motion by Councilman Bernard Parks supporting a Federal proposal to expand the Drug Court Programs that handle minor drug-related crimes separately.

President Bush recently proposed allocating \$69 million to expand the Drug Courts throughout the country, which would benefit Los Angeles.

Drug Courts, which combine ongoing monitoring and addiction treatment, have proven effective in reducing the numbers of people jailed for minor drug offenses, and result in lower rates of repeat offense. They also save the legal system money and allow more resources to go toward preventing and prosecuting more serious and violent crimes. (CFI# 06-0002-S78)



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